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SUBJECT: EFFECT OF ENERGY SITUATION ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
AND TRADE

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THE INFORMATION REQUESTED PARAGRAPH 7 FOLLOWS:

I. ESTIMATED DOMESTIC FERTILIZER PRODUCTION CAPACITY:

A. NITROGEN - 250,000 MT (NUTRIENT BASIS)

B. PHOSPHATE - 220,000 MT DM DO

C. POTASSIUM - NONE (ALL IMPORTED)

D. MIXED (INCLUDING ALL OF ABOVE) 1,750,000 MT

II. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION DATA

W8, 1000 METRIC TONS - NUTRIENT BASIS)

CROP YEARS	PROD	IMP	EXP	CONS	STKS
NITROGEN					
1971-72	193	24	5	206	83
1972-73	245	1	41	212	76
1973-74	260	2	34	250	54

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PHOSPHATE

1971-72	132	(1)	22	124	41
1972-73	154	(1)	22	129	44
1973-74	180	(1)	41	150	33

POTASSIUM

1971-72	0	28	6	18	13
1972-73	0	24	1	21	15
1973-74	0	25	5	23	12

(1) LESS THAN 500 MT

III. FIXED FERTILIZER PRICES TO FARMERS

(DRACHMAS PER METRIC TON) (30 DRS. - \$1.00 (US))

DESCRIPTION

A. SIMPLE	O/O OF CONCENTRATION	PRICE
AMMONIUM SULPHATE	21	1500
AMMONIUM NITRATE	33.5	2,100
AMMONIUM CALCIUM NITRATE	26	1,800
SODIUM NITRATE (SYNTHETIC)	16 I	1,470
CHILEAN NITRATE	16	2,150
CALCIUM NITRATE	13.5	1,350
AMMONIUM SULPHUR NITRATE	26	1,750
NORMAL SUPERPHOSPHATE	21	900
CONCENTRATED SUPERPHOSPHATE	40/42	2,200
AMMONIUM PHOSPHATE	16-20-0	2,250
POTASSIUM SULPHATE	50/52	1,700

B. MIXED

4-8-12	1,450
8-8-8	1,450
5-10-10	1,450
12-12-12	2,175

C. COMPOUND

11-15-15	2,400
8-16-16	2,240

NOTE: ALL ABOVE PRICES UNCHANGED SINCE 1961.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE PRICES AND THE REAL
COSTS IS PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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IV. PROJECTED 1974-75 EFFECTS

A. RESPONSIBLE GOG OFFICIALS STATE:

- (1) ABOVE-LISTED PRICES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED UNTIL JUNE-JULY 1974.
- (2) FERTILIZER SUPPLIES ADEQUATE MEET CY 1974 REQUIREMENTS.
- (3) PRODUCTION OF CROPS HARVESTED IN CY 1974 AND FRUITS AND OLIVES HARVESTED 1974-75 WILL NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

B. ASSUMING ABOVE TO BE CORRECT (AND WE BELIEVE IT TO BE REASONABLY SO) EXPORT AVAILABILITIES AND IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF SIGNIFICANT AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES FOR 1974-75 WILL NOT BE GREATLY AFFECTED (IF AT ALL).

C. SHARE OF FERTILIZER PRICE INCREASES TO BE PASSED TO FARMERS AFTER MID 1974 AND EFFECT INCREASES (IF ANY) WOULD HAVE ON 1975-76 HARVESTS ARE UNPROJECTABLE NOW.

V. OTHER

A. GNP INCREASES OVER PREVIOUS YEAR (O/O)

1. 1972: 15.2 CURRENT PRICES; 10.5 REAL.
2. 1973: (PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE) 30 CURRENT PRICES; 10 REAL.
3. 1974 (PROJECTION): 15 CURRENT PRICES; 5 REAL.

B. 1974-75 FERTILIZER REQUIREMENTS TO MAINTAIN PROJECTED PRODUCTION (1000 MT, NUTRIENT BASIS)

1. NITROGEN: 270
2. PHOSPHATE: 160
3. POTASSIUM: 25

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